

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that I voted for that historic civil rights bill. I am proud of the work Congress and the Administration has done in the past 40 years to guarantee equal rights to all Americans. I ask that you and all of my colleagues rise to join me in commemorating the anniversary of this remarkable event.

HONORING WEY AND SUE CHEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a pair of selfless community servants and dedicated parents, Wey and Sue Chen of Greeley, Colorado. As active members of the Colorado community, they are this year's recipients of the Excellence in Parenting Award presented by the National Parents Day Council. I would like to join with the Colorado community in honoring the Chens and their commitment.

The Excellence in Parenting Award is a unique tribute, honoring immigrants who, as parents, demonstrate exemplary leadership and parenting skills. The Chens are deserving recipients; after arriving in the U.S. from China, they have worked hard to create new lives for their children in America. They frequently volunteer at their children's schools, and have become involved in a variety of Chinese-American organizations. The couple has raised two wonderful children, Elisa and Davis, who are a testament to their hard work and dedication as parents. Davis is currently enrolled at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Elisa is enrolled at the University of Northern Colorado. They serve as examples to their fellow classmates by practicing the lessons that were passed on to them by their parents.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding the Chen's civic-mindedness, family values, and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to the Chen's for the work they do in their community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring their achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again for your many years of hard work and your inspiring dedication to your two children.

HEAD START, H.R. 2210

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus to oppose H.R. 2210, which the leadership in the House of Representatives will bring to the floor this week.

Since the beginning of the program, Head Start has provided the foundation for low-income working families. Upon this foundation, thousands of adults throughout South Texas have overcome tremendous obstacles to break the cycle of family poverty and become productive citizens. Without the solid base pro-

vided by Head Start, the children and families in the 21st Century will have a much harder time trying to get a start on education, nutrition habits, and other simple health care and educational needs.

In South Texas, we have a long and successful relationship with Head Start. In my district alone, Head Start serves nearly 4,000 kids from birth to 5 years old.

Tonight, I want to share with you stories from people who have used this program so our colleagues will understand precisely what we will be taking away from the children of Texas and other states around the nation if the House passes H.R. 2210.

Cynthia del Angelo—She and her twin sister attended Head Start in 1973. They both own their own daycare centers now. Her mother received all of her education through Head Start, and is now an Education Coordinator. Her father is currently an area manager of a Head Start center. Her husband is a restaurant manager. They both feel that Head Start contributed to their success by instilling in them the confidence that they could achieve anything.

Jose Carrizales—Attended Head Start in 1965 in a small, rural community. Changed him from a shy, skeptical boy into a secure, loving kid with self-confidence. Later, having become a parent of a Head Start child, he was elected President of the Parent Committee, where the leadership skills he gained led him to a 6-year employment as the District Office Manager for Congressman SOLOMON ORTIZ. He now is the Director of Family Services for Head Start in South Texas.

Maricela Vasquez Vitt—Former Head Start student now teaches elementary school in Los Fresnos, Texas. Head Start allowed her to learn English before she started school, and form a strong educational foundation.

Jo Ann Garcia—She and her sister are both Head Start students and are now Registered Nurses. Jo Ann has worked with cancer patients in a major hospital and as Director for a Home Health Provider, and says that neither one is as rewarding for her as working with Head Start kids.

These are the everyday people who have been profoundly affected by the good works of Head Start. These are the sorts of people in the future who will be without similar services and without the foundation now provided by Head Start.

TRIBUTE TO TONY MOREY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a truly talented artist from my district, Tony Morey of Grand Junction, Colorado. Tony has painted a variety of murals throughout the community, helping businesses gain notoriety while brightening up our buildings and streets. Tony's murals are more than just advertisements for local businesses; they are works of art that I am proud to speak about today.

Tony began his art career early in life and began working for a sign company after high school graduation. He shortly realized he wanted to expand his art career, so he began

to paint murals. Eventually finding his way to Grand Junction, Tony has continued with his murals, decorating buildings with advertisements for local businesses. Tony will soon begin work on his second mural at the Bottle Shop, where his work has been credited with an increase in business. Some of Tony's most recognizable work includes murals for Mesa Pawn and the Eagle Lodge.

Tony's ambitions are leading him to experimenting with work on traditional canvas. He hopes to someday display his art in a show, exhibiting the hard work and dedication he puts into every painting. I have no doubt that, with Tony's diligence, we will soon see his paintings on display across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Tony Morey. His artwork brings happiness to the streets of Grand Junction while providing businesses with a cheap, effective advertising technique. I look forward to the advancement of Tony's career and I wish him the best with his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC., ON BEING AWARDED THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE BY THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my heartiest congratulations to Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) on being one of the four agencies nationwide to be awarded the "Award for Excellence in Community Action" by the National Community Action Partnership.

This prestigious and coveted award is given to Community Action Agencies that demonstrate their excellence through many programs that improve communities and help people change their lives. I have long known that MEO is one of the best Community Action Agencies in the nation and this award at long last recognizes this fact. MEO's innovative efforts have transformed Maui County residents' lives and have had a lasting impact on the entire community.

I would like to especially recognize MEO's Executive Director, Gladys Baisa, for her commitment to excellence and to the people of Maui County. This award is indicative of Gladys' leadership and also a testament to the staff she has surrounded herself with. I am proud to work closely with Gladys and MEO to make Maui County and the State of Hawaii a better place.

Mahalo nui loa to the MEO board and all of its great staff. Keep up the good work and always know that it is truly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN GRAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before you today to pay